## Principle 3: Comprehensive Care

- Goal 1: Advocate for comprehensive preventative medical services among
   Indiana residents infected with viral hepatitis.
  - Objective 1: Integrate viral hepatitis prevention activities into existing public health programs (HIV/AIDS, STD, TB, Immunizations, and Refugee).

## • Action Items:

- Identify partnerships between private care and public health.
- Advocate for care coordination and services among all
  populations in need to reduce complications among cases
  of chronic viral hepatitis.
- 3. Integration of immunization and testing in health care facilities (HCFs).
- 4. Maintain and disseminate the ISDH Viral Hepatitis Manual.
- 5. Provide Hepatitis B and C treatment for the indigent or without health insurance.
- Objective 2: Support harm reduction activities to reduce morbidity, mortality, and transmission.

## • Action Items:

- 1. Incorporate needle exchange programs.
- 2. Make referrals to needle exchange programs.
- Integration of harm reduction kits into STD clinics, community based organizations (CBOs), Methadone clinics, community health centers (CHCs), and similar entities.
- 4. Provide condoms at no cost or low cost.

- *Objective 3:* Increase awareness of support groups for the family members and significant others of hepatitis cases.
  - Action Items:
    - Refer and provide contact information to hepatitis support groups.
    - 2. Produce a statewide directory of hepatitis support groups.
- Objective 4: Provide incentive for HCPs to continue caring for viral hepatitis cases.
  - Action Item:
    - 1. Non-monetary Viral Hepatitis recognition award(s)
- Objective 5: Expand information networks for HCPs treating the disease based on current best practice.
  - Action Item:
    - 1. Provide education to HCP regarding improvement in access to care through;
      - ISDH Viral Hepatitis Web Site
      - Webinars
      - List serve
- o Goal 2: Integrate hepatitis B and C testing, care, and treatment into the correctional environment.
  - Objective 1: Encourage continuity of care of incarcerated persons being released with viral hepatitis.
    - Action Items:
      - 1. Maintain testing for hepatitis C in state correctional facilities.
      - 2. Advocate for hepatitis B and C testing in the county jails.
      - 3. Advocate for hepatitis B testing in state correctional facilities.
      - 4. Provide multi-disciplinary coordination of reentry services within 60-90 days prior to release.

- 5. Partner with recidivism programs to test inmates following release.
- Goal 3: Encourage viral hepatitis awareness groups to ask insurance companies,
   Medicare, and Medicaid to provide viral hepatitis immunization and disease
   management.
  - Objective 1: Encourage insurance companies, Medicare, and Medicaid to provide coverage according to ACIP.
    - Action Item:
      - 1. Encourage combination vaccines.